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# JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF JEFFERSON PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30–8:00pm  
Tuesday, March 13, 6:30–8:00pm  
Riverside Church 2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel  
info@jpun.org  
All are welcome

## LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 1, 6:30–8:00pm  
Thursday, April 5, 6:30–8:00pm  
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You may continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter from time to time. Feel free to share this with a friend, a new neighbor or consider posting a copy in your building’s common area to keep everyone in your complex abreast of what’s happening in Jeff Park.

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# NORTHWEST DENVER DESERVES BETTER THAN THIS

The City of Denver is reviewing improvements to the Central Platte Valley Area directly west of Jefferson Park. This includes potential changes to the 23rd Avenue Bridge and this dangerous intersection. Your input is vital to ensuring that the City makes this a high priority in their near-term plans.



This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to voice your opinion.

Tell the city you want improved highway connections, protected lanes for pedestrians and bicyclists, along with safe and unobstructed access to the Platte River Trail and LoDo.

**ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 22  
5:30pm–7:30pm**

Commons on Champa | 1245 Champa St. | Denver, CO 80202

## JPUN SIGNS AGREEMENTS WITH NEW BUSINESSES

Top Shelf Liquor and Leo’s Sports Bar have both signed Good Neighbor Agreements (GNAs) with JPUN.

Top Shelf Liquor will be a liquor store located at 2757 N. Speer Boulevard. Once built, it will be connected to the existing Shell station at Speer and Zuni.

Leo’s Sports Bar at 2525 Federal Boulevard is a billiards hall catering to both professional and amateur players.

JPUN welcomes both of these businesses to our neighborhood.

### What is a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA)?

By definition a GNA is an agreement between a business and a neighborhood (community) that addresses specific areas of concern in a collaborative way. The intent is to protect and improve the safety, health, welfare and quality of life for all within the community. The GNA is usually related to a liquor or marijuana license.

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TOP SHELF LIQUOR LOCATION



LEO'S SPORTS BAR LOCATION

Images courtesy of Google Maps

# WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at: [newsletter@jpun.org](mailto:newsletter@jpun.org)

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*\*Cut this out and store it somewhere for quick reference!\**

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## COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY MEETING DISCUSSES NEED FOR 23RD AVE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

On Jan 10, Jefferson Park United Neighbors, Sloans Lake Citizen Group, Federal Boulevard Partnership and Biz on the Boulevard at Jefferson Park held a town hall meeting with members of Denver's Community Planning and Development to discuss the Downtown Area Plan Amendment.

This once in a generation plan will be the building block to reshape the Central Platte Valley, an area between I-25, Speer Blvd, Colfax and Auraria Parkway.

Community Planning and Development presented the current plan on how the area would be redeveloped once Elitch Gardens Amusement Park is relocated. Current plans show how streets and bridges will connect LoDo to the Central Platte Valley (CPV). What is not adequately defined and prioritized is how CPV will connect to Northwest Denver neighborhoods. The plans showed both commercial and residential development throughout CPV. Some areas have unrestricted heights on what can be built. A lot of that high density development will occur on Water Street just northeast of the 23rd Ave Bridge. Many felt traffic is already a problem on Water Street without adding high density development projects.



Based off of community input from the meeting, Jefferson Park United Neighbors, Sloans Lake Citizen Group, Federal Boulevard Partnership and Biz on the Boulevard at Jefferson Park sent a letter to Community Planning and Development. It requested the renovation of the area around the 23rd Ave. Bridge to be a high priority for projects North of 23rd Ave and West of the Platte River. The letter requested improved highway *cont. on page 5 >>*



Area residents attended the January 10 town hall meeting to voice concerns and request 23rd Avenue Bridge improvements.



# JEFFERSON PARK FINALLY MAKES 9NEWS #9NEIGHBORHOODS

For several years, Denver’s NBC’s affiliate station has profiled Colorado neighborhoods. At long last they finally picked Jefferson Park. Even though the sun wasn’t out that day, Jefferson Park still shined in the pictures taken.

The story mentions both old and new housing along with our local businesses. They even sprinkled in some interesting history....

“Jefferson Park was Denver’s first suburb the Town of Highland, which was first incorporated in 1875. It was something of an “elite” suburb, with men working in Denver then heading to their classy Highland retreat that touted

“clean artesian water” and even cleaner morals (you can’t make this stuff up).

Of course, you had to get across the Platte River to get to actual Denver – something that was so hard back in the day that getting a safe way to do so was used as a bargaining chip in 1896 for the mayor at the time to force Highland to be annexed into the Mile High City.”

*9NEWS Digital Producer Allison Sylte and Denver Business Journal Editor Caitlin Hendee*



The Briar Common Brewery and Eatery near Jefferson Park.



A view of Mile High Stadium from Jefferson Park.

**READ THE FULL STORY AT:**

<http://www.9news.com/article/life/style/colorado-guide/this-neighborhood-is-a-microcosm-of-modern-denver/73-507193578>

**JPUN SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH NEW BUSINESSES**

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GNAs will vary from business to business with hours of operation, hours for trash removal, providing trash receptacles on the property being some of the typical agreed upon terms.

If you have a disagreement with a local business, please feel free to contact JPUN via Facebook or email—[info@jpun.org](mailto:info@jpun.org). We offer assistance in reaching an amicable solution to your situation.



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## DENVER, RTD RECOMMEND CHANGES TO FREE SHUTTLE ON 16TH STREET MALL

The City and County of Denver and the Regional Transportation District are recommending a street redesign that shifts both bus lanes to the center of the street and widens the sidewalks on both sides.

Officials say the new design would improve pedestrian safety and mobility as the number of people walking and riding the bus along the 35-year-old mall increases.

The changes, including design and construction, are expected to cost between \$90 million and \$130 million. Funding would come from a number of sources, including federal grants and general obligation bond money. If approved, the redesign project would start in 2019 or 2020 with completion slated for 2022.

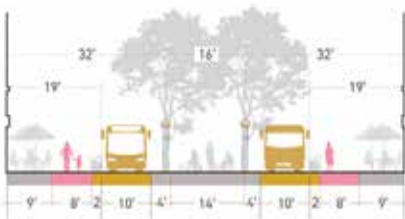
More than 40,000 people take the Free MallRide buses every day and that number is expected to climb to more than 70,000 by 2035.

Denver and RTD are seeking public input on the latest recommendation with two open houses, scheduled for noon and 5 p.m. on March 8, 2018 at RTD's headquarters, 1660 Blake Street.

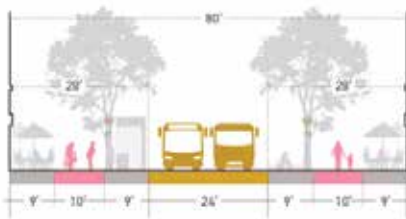
An additional public hearing will likely take place sometime in May.

For more information, log on to [denvergov.org/themallexperience](http://denvergov.org/themallexperience).

**CURRENT**  
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**RECOMMENDED**  
TREMONT - ARAPAHOE



Example of current and proposed improvements for 16th Street Mall pedestrian traffic.

## TIME TO APPLY FOR FREE AND LOW-COST TREES IS NOW!

DEADLINE FOR DENVER DIGS TREES APPLICATIONS IS FEB. 15

The entire city and county of Denver is eligible to apply for trees, and people may request as many trees as they have space for.

Applications are available until Feb. 15, 2018. The tree distribution and sale is on Earth Day weekend, April 21 and 22, 2018.

All street trees are free. Yard trees are just \$10 for those who live in the targeted Denver neighborhoods, which were selected based on their low tree coverage, and \$35 for homeowners.



To complete an application or get more information, text 'TREE' to 797979, visit [www.TheParkPeople.org](http://www.TheParkPeople.org), or call 303-722-6262 for a paper application.

The Park People has added more than 50,000 trees to Denver's skyline over the past 27 years. They offer Community Forester classes for people interested in leading tree planting and care activities. For more information, visit [www.TheParkPeople.org](http://www.TheParkPeople.org).

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# BIZ ON THE BOULEVARD



**BY LESLIE TWAROGOWSKI**  
Co-executive director of the Federal Business Improvement District  
[www.bizontheblvd.com](http://www.bizontheblvd.com)

## FIFTH + HUDSON

Fifth + Hudson, a women's boutique, opened just before Christmas next to Sarto's on West 25th Avenue. The owners are two sisters from Arvada, Alex Kyle and Daron Pflug, who want to elevate Denver street style with an effortless, on-trend twist. They are open seven days a week and offer a full array of clothing and accessories. Visit them today to update your spring wardrobe!



## FEDERAL COFFEE



Federal Coffee is getting close to opening! Longtime neighborhood business owner Sonia Rosas (Cosmovida) and her partner Tony Basil plan to open on April 15. Their dream was to open a social place that melds upscale food and drinks within an eclectic environment with a welcoming sense of place. They plan a gourmet bar menu with an emphasis on organic foods seven days a week, and hope to host many neighborhood and special interest meetings.



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## 23RD AVE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

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connections, protected lanes for pedestrians and bicyclists along with safe connections to the Platte River Trail and the new street grid east of the Platte River.

JPUN would like to thank our host Family Star Montessori School, Denver's Community Planning and Development for presenting, our partnering organizations and especially those who attended the meeting for caring about our Northwest Denver Communities.

**Please attend the Downtown Area Plan's final meeting to make sure these requests are implemented and our voices are heard.**



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 22**  
**5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Commons on Champa**  
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# MEOW WOLF LANDS IN SUN VALLEY (ACTUALLY IN BETWEEN COLFAX ON/OFF RAMPS)



Santa Fe's world renowned Meow Wolf has been described as an arcade, escape room, art gallery, playhouse and concert venue all mashed together. And they are bringing this concept to Denver in grand style.

Meow Wolf Denver will be a \$50 million project that rises 30 feet above Interstate 25, Colfax Avenue and Auraria Parkway viaducts that envelope it on three sides. Upon completion in early 2020 the four-story (plus mezzanine), 90,000-square-foot building will hold 60,000 square feet of exhibitions, along with a restaurant, bar and retail and support spaces.

The Santa Fe Meow Wolf has over 200 artists who help guests discover a multidimensional mystery house with secret passages, portals to magical worlds, climbing apparatus and surreal, maximalist and mesmerizing art exhibits.

Meow Wolf Denver promises something for everyone. For kids, it's an imaginative experience complete with climbing, interactive light, sound, and pure creativity. For younger adults expect a concert/bar venue (800 capacity) with shows ranging from comedians to DJs, solo singer/songwriters to full bands. For the rest, Meow Wolf brings to Denver an art museum, and experience based learning and exploration. Through interaction you discover the artist's narrative, play music and activate spaces in different ways to alter the environment you're exploring.



Images courtesy of Meow Wolf  
Additional content from Patricia Calhoun, editor of Westword

Expect Meow Wolf to energize a rather vacant and barren area. Around a half a million people visited Meow Wolf in Santa Fe and it is nearly three times smaller than the Denver site. Plans to break ground are set for the third quarter of 2018, with a projected opening date in 2020.



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## JPUN NEWSLETTER WELCOMES TALENTS OF NEW GRAPHIC DESIGNERS



**CAITLIN CLOUGH** Caitlin lives in Jefferson Park with her husband, Sam, and their daughter, Quinn. Both Caitlin and Sam grew up in the Midwest but have made Denver their home for the last ten years. Caitlin is a real estate agent for Keller Williams Downtown Realty and works as a buyer's agent for The David Schlichter Team. Prior to her career in real estate, Caitlin was a sales consultant for a local interior decorating company and sold advertising for 5280 Magazine. In her spare time, she authors the blog, Trust the Locals.



**ERIN FARRELL** Erin lives and works in a home that faces beautiful Jefferson Park with her partner Christopher. A long-time Boulder- and Denverite, Erin has worked as a graphic designer for Westword Newspaper and bike racing journal VeloNews. She started her own graphic design studio in 2000, Factor E Creative, Inc., which specializes in book and publication design. When not burning the midnight oil, she enjoys live music, Taco Tuesday, and wine making.

JPUN looks forward to this new approach to designing our newsletter and bringing you stories that affect our city and our neighborhood.

### LOVE POTION No. WINE

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## THINGS YOU CAN WALK, BIKE, OR TAKE A HIKE TO

### ART IN THE PARK: TREE OF TRANSFORMATION



Photo Evan Semón

Civic Center Park Now until April 15 |

The Civic Center Conservancy is excited to announce Civic Center Art in the Park: Tree of Transformation, an interactive art installation now on display in Civic Center Park. This temporary installation, created by Denver-based artists Nick Geurts and Ryan Elmendorf of Yetiweurks, brings art, music and light

together in a unique exhibit of engineering. The piece is in the form of a tree, with a twisting steel-pipe trunk rooted in a full-size upright piano. When the keys are played, users will delight in the resulting harmony and illumination caused by steel drums attached to the “branches” of the tree. The installation will remain in the park through April 15th.

### ARTOPIA



Friday, February 23—7:00pm–11:30pm |

The Church, 1160 Lincoln St. | <https://www.westwordartopia.com/> | Dozens of artists will fill The Church, painting, sculpting, performing, modeling and offering guests full immersion in the artistic process. While they sample cocktails

and listen to some of Denver’s best DJs and musicians, party-goers can explore scenes and spaces curated by Jolt.

### DENVER RESTAURANT WEEK

Feb 23–March 4 | [denverrestaurantweek.com](http://denverrestaurantweek.com) | The 14th annual Denver Restaurant Week will take place from Feb. 23–March 4, 2018. Hundreds of Denver’s top restaurants offer multi-course dinners for tasty prices.

### COLORADO GARDEN & HOME SHOW



Sat, Feb 24–Sun, Mar 4 | Colorado Convention Center | <http://coloradogardenfoundation.org/colorado-garden-home-show> | Discover the Rocky Mountain region’s oldest, largest and most prestigious garden and home show—a nine-day spectacular event—where you can find inspiration from the latest ideas and trends

in landscaping, gardening and home improvement. Enjoy the multitude of fragrances as you stroll through more than an acre of professionally landscaped gardens—11 in all. Talk to representatives from more than 650 companies from 25 states and Canada. Visit with the region’s gardening gurus and home improvement experts about the best ways to move your home and garden projects forward.

### SLOTH WEEKEND

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 am–2:00 pm | Sunday, February 25, 10:00 am–2:00 pm | Downtown Aquarium, 700 Water St. | Hang out with us as we celebrate all things SLOTH! For two days, we will be having a day full of fun activities to celebrate these amazing animals. Here’s our schedule: 10am–2pm Conservation table with sloth activities. Animal appearances throughout the day (Not Aspen) 11am–12pm Private sloth meet and greet—for the first 100 guests in line \*Tickets will be handed out at 8:30am. You must be in line to receive a ticket. 12pm to Sleepy Time Sloth viewing (Nautilus Ballroom) \*Since “sloths are sloths,” Aspen will not be available for viewing all day.

### MILE HIGH BEER FESTIVAL



Saturday, March 3—1:00pm–9:00pm | <http://milehighbeerfestival.com/> |

Situated in the heart of the River North (RiNo) neighborhood of Denver, the festival celebrates Colorado craft

brews on a local scale that’s laid-back and easy-going!

**MUSIC@JEFFERSONPARK MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6PM  
AT SEXY PIZZA**

Join friends, meet your neighbors and have fun doing something good for your community.

We’re having our first volunteer meeting for the 2018 Summer Concert Series at Sexy Pizza on February 15 at 6pm.

These concerts are community driven and any support you could provide would be welcome. Sexy Pizza is graciously providing free pizza—the go-to food of any concert roadie crew.

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